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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) filed January 26, 2012.

The patent issued on September 3, 2002. The grace period for paying the 7.5-year maintenance fee expired on September 4, 2010.

This petition was filed timely under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c) because it was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e). Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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